

**BERKS COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
MONDAY MAY 23, 2011**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Berks County Convention Center Authority (the “Authority”) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the SMG Board Room, the Sovereign Center, 700 Penn Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following members were physically present:

Mr. P. Michael Ehlerman  
Mr. Michael Fiucci  
Mr. Carl Herbein  
Mr. Brian D’Amico

The following members participated telephonically:

Mr. John Ernesto  
Mr. Burlee Adams

Mr. Albert Boscov was absent

The meeting was chaired by Mr. P. Michael Ehlerman.

Also present:

Mr. Zane Collings, SMG  
Mervin A. Heller, Jr., Esquire, Leisawitz Heller Abramowitch Phillips, P.C.  
Matthew Mayer, Esquire, Leisawitz Heller Abramowitch Phillips, P.C.  
Ms. Hope Parkin, SMG  
Mr. Matt Salkowski, SMG  
Mr. Donald Spatz, Reading Eagle  
Mr. Vaughn Spencer  
Mr. Mark Wallace, Reading Royals  
Ms. Stephanie Hackash, Reading Royals

The Chairman declared that a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Ehlerman presented to the members of the Authority a proposal that the Authority purchase a fifty percent (50%) ownership interest in the Reading Royals hockey team. Pursuant to a term sheet provided by SA Hockey Associates, LLC d/b/a the Reading Royals, the Authority could acquire a 50% ownership interest in the Reading Royals by purchasing the interest of AEG for a purchase price of \$500,000 plus a letter of credit in the amount of \$125,000. The members

discussed the issues involved with the proposal and the ownership of the hockey team. Mr. Heller stated that he would continue to review the Authority's 2001 Loan Agreement with Sovereign Bank to ensure the potential purchase would not be a violation of the agreement, but opined that he did not feel it would constitute a violation. Mr. Ehlerman explained that if approved, the proposal would still be subject to the approval of the East Coast Hockey League ("ECHL").

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously moved to approve the proposal to purchase a 50% ownership interest in the Reading Royals for \$500,000 and a \$125,000 letter of credit.

Mr. Ehlerman introduced Mr. Mark Wallace, the general manager of the Reading Royals to the members of the authority. Mr. Ehlerman proposed that the Authority appoint Mr. Mark Wallace as the Reading Royals' governor/representative to the ECHL.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously moved to appoint Mr. Mark Wallace as the ECHL governor for the Reading Royals.

Mr. Ehlerman discussed the need to create a "Hockey Oversight Committee" which would consist of three (3) members of the Authority who would oversee the hockey operations to protect the Authority's investment in the Reading Royals. Mr. Ehlerman said he would accept volunteers who wished to sit on the committee.

Finally, Mr. Ehlerman presented the members with a draft News Release concerning the Authority's purchase of the 50% ownership interest in the Reading Royals. The News Release was approved as drafted and was published in the Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Reading Eagle.

### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business to be discussed.

There being no further business before the Board at the public session, the Chairman announced that a special budget workshop meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the offices of Herbein & Company and the next regular meeting of the Board would be held at the Sovereign Center at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2011. At 5:00 p.m., upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously resolved to adjourn.